THE OVERMOUNTAIN RALLY TENNESSEE

18-19 September 2026

STEWARDS DECISION 1

From: The Stewards Mark Williams and Rob Bohn	**Date:** 11 Sept 2026
To: All Competitors, Event Officials, ARA Registration	**Time**: 15:00 EST

The Stewards, having received an Inquiry submitted via Sportity requesting a change to the entered driver and co-driver for Car No. 199, have considered the matter and determine the following:

Time: The inquiry was received at 13:13 on 11 September 2026 in line 4 of the event inquiry form

Session: The period after the close of Registration (00:00 on 9 September 2026) and prior to the scheduled first meeting of the Stewards (21:30 on 17 September 2026)

Facts: Following the close of entries, the driver of Car No. 199, Travis Pastrana, submitted a request to amend the entry due to a recent injury. Pastrana requested that Conner Martell be substituted as driver. He further requested that Ross Whitlock be substituted as co-driver, stating that Martell and Whitlock had been preparing to compete in this rally together for more than 10 days in anticipation of a potential opportunity with another team, and that requiring Martell to compete with the originally entered co-driver, with whom he is unfamiliar, would present a safety risk.

Rules: GCR 4.11 and 4.15 governing entries and amendments to entries and GCR 6.2.3.l empowering Stewards to authorize a change in crew.

Decision: The Stewards authorize the Organizers to amend the entry for Car No. 199 by replacing the originally entered driver and co-driver with Conner Martell and Ross Whitlock, respectively, provided that both satisfy all applicable licensing, eligibility and other regulatory requirements.
The Organizers are further authorized to change the competitiion number of this entry to 21, being the competition number associated with the replacement driver.

Reasons:

- GCR 4.11.a and 4.15 permit an entry to be amended after the close of entries and prior to the first Stewards Meeting for reasons of hardship or Force Majeure.
- The Stewards determine that Pastrana's inability to compete due to his insufficient recovery from a recent injury constitutes hardship within the meaning of those provisions.
- Having accepted the substitution of the driver on grounds of hardship, the Stewards further determine that it is reasonable to permit the requested substitution of the co-driver. Requiring the replacement driver to compete with an unfamiliar co-driver and note system would impose an additional and unnecessary hardship upon the crew.
- The Stewards are satisfied that the requested substitutions are a reasonable consequence of the circumstances giving rise to the hardship and are consistent with the interests of safety.
- The Stewards further determine that approval of the requested changes confers no unfair sporting advantage and causes no prejudice to other competitors or to the orderly conduct of the event.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 9 of the ARA General Competition Rules.

Mark A. Williams, Senior Steward

Rob Bohn, Event Steward